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REF: A) GENEVA 938, B) GENEVA 1042

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFEL A, PLEASE INFORM GATT SECRETARIATE
THAT US IS WILLING TO GO FORWARD WITH AN ORGANIZATION

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MEETING OF THE PANELS AS SCHEDULED. WE AGREE TO NO
WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS AT THIS

SESSION. PANELS SHOULD UTILIZE THIS SESSION TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN PROCEDURES. WE WILL SUGGEST PROCEDURES FOR THE PANELS' CONSIDERATION. WE WOULD EXPECT REPRESENTATIVES OF FRANCE, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS TO PARTICIPATE. REQUEST YOU SEEK CONFIRMATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF EC AND EACH OF EC COUNTRIES THAT ALL PARTIES WILL BE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD IN ALL FOUR PANEL PROCEEDINGS AT MARCH 15 MEETING TO DISCUSS PROCEDURES FOR ALL FOUR.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL B, PLEASE ADVISE FRENCH GATT REPRESENTATIVE THAT, IN VIEW OF EC REJECTION OF OUR SUGGESTION THAT PARTIES MAKE WRITTEN SUBMISSION IN ADVANCE OF PANEL MEETING, WE WILL HOLD UP ANY SUBMISSION UNTIL THEY ARE REQUESTED BY PANELS. FURTHER ADVISE FRENCH

REPRESENTATIVE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PAST WRITTEN MATERIALS CONCERNING OUR COMPLAINT AGAINST FRENCH TAX PRACTICES THAT WE COULD MAKE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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